

**General Assembly demands that Syrian authorities meet their responsibility to protect populations in adopted Resolution** 15 May 2013    On 15 May 2013, the *UN General Assembly* adopted a [Resolution](#) on the situation in Syria, drafted by Qata, with 107 [votes](#)

*in favor, 12 against and 59 abstentions. The Resolution includes several paragraphs on violations of international humanitarian law and human rights committed by Syrian authorities and “demands that the Syrian authorities immediately end all violations of international human rights law and meet their*

***responsibility to protect***

*the population and comply fully with their obligations under applicable international law”. The Resolution also reiterates the importance of ensuring that impunity is prevented and that perpetrators of serious violations of international humanitarian and human rights law are held accountable.*

*The Resolution also welcomed the establishment of the Syrian National Coalition “as effective representative interlocutors needed for a political transition” and noted “the wide international acknowledgment” that the main opposition group is the legitimate representative of the Syrian people.*

From the Resolution:

“Demands that all parties immediately put an end to all violations of international humanitarian law, including those involving attacks against civilians, also demands that the Syrian authorities immediately end all violations of international human rights law and meet their

**responsibility to protect**

the population and comply fully with their obligations under applicable international law, including international law applicable to the rights and protection of women and girls, and the Convention on the Rights of the Child, calls upon all parties to the conflict to issue clear orders against sexual violence through their respective chains of command and to undertake investigations to hold perpetrators of sexual violence to account, also calls upon all parties to facilitate the immediate access for survivors of sexual violence to available services, and urges donors to support services that address the health, psychosocial and protection needs of survivors;”

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